

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
TO OPERATE A GAS PLANT FOR HIRE

Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc.

(Name)

of Ritzville, Washington is hereby authorized
(Address)
to operate a gas plant for hire in the general area or areas of:

Ritzville, Adams County, Washington, and areas adjacent thereto
as more particularly designated on Appendix A-1 attached hereto
and by this reference made a part hereof, such appendix consisting
of a map and attached legal description,

~~as more particularly designated on Exhibit A of certificate holding application, as 'Exhibit A' has been amended.~~
~~Said 'Exhibit A' is on file with the Commission and is open to public inspection.~~

CONDITIONS:

1. Any gas plant operated by virtue of this certificate must be operated in accordance with the Laws of the State of Washington and the Rules and Regulations of this Commission.
2. This certificate must be kept on file at the main office of the gas company except when directed to be transmitted to the Commission, and shall be subject at all times to inspection by the authorized representatives of the Commission.
3. This certificate shall be subject to revocation and cancellation by the Commission upon a showing of procurement by false affidavit or representation.
4. This certificate is subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the order in Cause No. U-8891, effective April 3, 1957, pursuant to which this certificate is issued.

This certificate is issued upon finding by the Washington Public Service Commission that public convenience and necessity requires or will require such operation in accordance with section 4, chapter 316, Laws of 1955, and

Order No. U- 8891

Dated 10 APR 3, 1957

Dated at Olympia, Washington

April 3, 1957

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By



Secretary

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
EASTERN WASHINGTON NATURAL)	
GAS COMPANY, INC., for a Certificate)	CAUSE NO. U-8891
of Public Convenience and Necessity)	
to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to)	ORDER GRANTING
Encompass the Incorporated Area of)	APPLICATION
the City of Ritzville and Adjacent Area)	
in Adams County, Washington)	
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The Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc., a Washington Corporation, on May 23, 1956, filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in Ritzville, Washington, and vicinity. Commission action on the application was withheld pending additional supporting information.

On March 21, 1957, the Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc., filed an amended application including new feasibility and financial reports. Since receipt of the original application control of the Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. has been acquired by the Montana Gas Corporation and a new slate of officers has been elected; as of the present, neither of the above companies operate any utility property in this state or are subject to this Commission's jurisdiction as a regulated utility.

Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company Inc.'s amended application encompasses the corporate limits of Ritzville and a narrow strip of land parallel to both sides of the Wellsandt Road from Ritzville to the Spokane lateral of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation. The company's transmission pipeline will be on the Wellsandt Road right-of-way and Adams County has granted a franchise covering that matter. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. also holds a franchise from the City of Ritzville to operate gas distribution and other facilities in that city.

The company reports it has materials and supplies worth about \$78,000 on hand and will be able to start construction work on the Ritzville gas facilities as soon as it receives a certificate for the area under consideration. The Commission has also been advised that under the terms of the Ritzville franchise the company is required to commence construction on the plant not later than May 1, 1957.

Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. is the only company which has requested certification for the Ritzville area. The company has been assured an adequate supply of gas for its present as well as its future anticipated demands by the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation,

Montana Gas Corporation, which presently controls the Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc., was organized in 1926. It owns and operates 42 miles of gas transmission lines and sells and delivers gas to the Montana Power Company, Great Northern Railway Company and others in Montana. The company also owns and operates a number of gas wells. Through stock ownership, as well as having officers and directors common to all companies, the Montana Gas Corporation is associated with the Hardrock Oil Company, Treasure State Pipe Line Company and Consumers Gas Company, all active and going concerns in the gas and oil industry. On the basis of the above facts, it would appear the Montana Gas Corporation's officers are experienced in the natural gas field and the company is financially able to install adequate gas facilities in the requested area.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc., a Washington corporation, at present is not an operating or regulated utility.
2. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. has applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate a gas plant for hire in Ritzville, Washington, and certain areas adjacent thereto.
3. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the area under question.
4. There are no other certificate applications for the area sought by Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc.
5. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. is fully qualified to provide natural gas service in the area it seeks certification.
6. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. will have available an adequate supply of gas to serve the present and future anticipated demands of the requested area.
7. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. in the area it proposes to serve is or will be required by public convenience and necessity.
8. Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the Ritzville, Washington, area as delineated in its amended application of March 21, 1957.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of Eastern Washington Natural Gas Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be approved and a certificate granted to encompass an area as follows:

(a) Main service area:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Sec. 23, T 19 N, R 35 E, W.M.; thence northerly along the west boundary of Sec. 23 to the mid-point of the north half of said boundary; thence westerly along the east-west center line of the north half of Sec. 22 to the north-south center line of the east half of the northeast quarter of Sec. 22; thence northerly along said north-south center line to the north boundary of Sec. 22; thence easterly to the northeast corner of Sec. 22; thence northerly along the west boundary of Sec. 14 to the mid-point of the west boundary of the south half of Sec. 14; thence easterly along the east-west center line of said south half to the north-south center line of the southeast quarter of Sec. 14; thence southerly to the mid-point of the south boundary of said southeast quarter; thence easterly to the southeast corner of Sec. 14; thence southerly along the east boundary of Sec. 23 to the southeast corner of said Sec. 23; thence westerly along the south boundary of Sec. 23 to the southwest corner of Sec. 23, which is the point of beginning, all in Adams County, Washington.

(b) Transmission line area. City gate to main service area.

A strip of land in Adams County, Washington, being the Adams County right-of-way of a road known as Wellsandt Road, and a strip of land 100 feet in width on each side of said right-of-way, commencing at the east corporate limits of the City of Ritzville and proceeding easterly across Sec. 24, T 19 N, R 35 E, W.M. and across Secs. 19, 20, 21 and 22, T 19 N, R 36 E, W.M. to a point in said Sec. 22 at which the natural gas transmission pipeline of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation crosses said Wellsandt Road.

As further shown on Appendix A-1 attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 3rd day of April, 1957.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DON G. ABEL, Chairman

JOSEPH STARIN, Commissioner

FRANCIS PEARSON, Commissioner

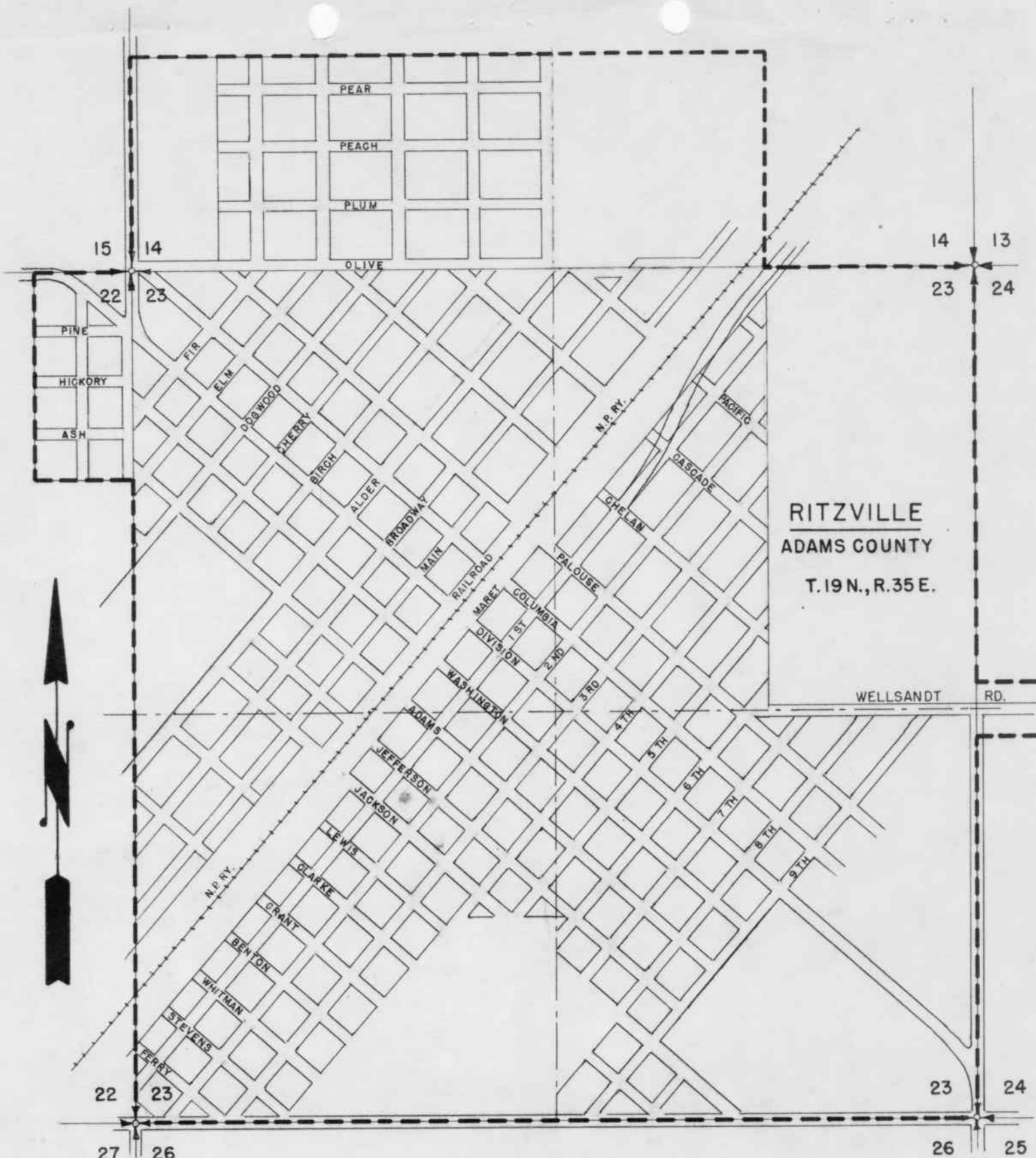
APPENDIX A-1. LEGAL DESCRIPTION--RITZVILLE AND VICINITY-
ADAMS COUNTY

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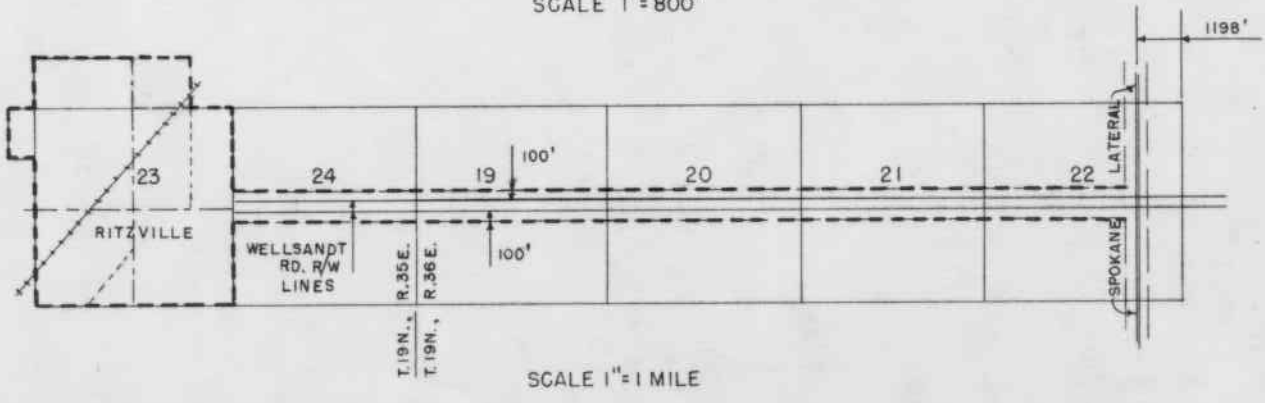
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RITZVILLE
ADAMS COUNTY
 T.19N., R.35E.

SCALE 1"=800'



APPENDIX A-1
 CAUSE NO. U-8891

EASTERN WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA - - - - -
 (RITZVILLE & VICINITY - ADAMS COUNTY)

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 FIELD ENGINEERING
 DATE: 3-27-57 BY: D.H.
 CHECKED: A.F.G.

Certificate

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
COUNTY OF THURSTON. } ss.

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached document..... is a full, true and correct copy of original Order Granting Application, dated April 3, 1957, in Cause No. U-8891, In the Matter of the Application of EASTERN WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to Encompass the Incorporated Area of the City of Ritzville and Adjacent Area in Adams County, Washington,

.....
now on file in the office of the Washington Public Service Commission at Olympia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Washington Public Service Commission, this 3rd day of April, 1957..

Al Hitchford

Secretary of the Washington Public
Service Commission.